

REMARKS

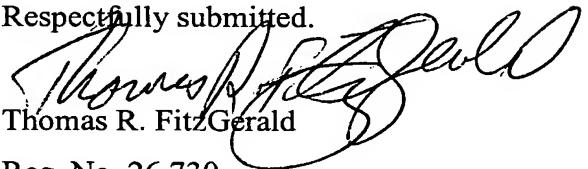
Applicants request reconsideration an allowance. The claims are amended to cancel claim 15, change the wording of claims 14 and 27 to eliminate material objected to 5 by the examiner and new dependent claims 28 and 29 are added to further define the invention.

Attached is a copy of a declaration that will be signed by one or more of the co-inventors. It demonstrates that the invention was made prior to the effective filing date of the Kobyashi reference. The inventor(s) were not available as of the date of filing this 10 response, but this attorney expects the declaration will be signed and filed shortly.

Since the Kobyashi reference is not available against this application, the rejection based on that reference is moot and the claims are patentable over the art or record.

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Respectfully submitted.


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